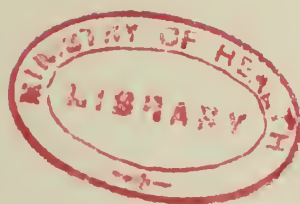


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BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1938.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1938.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF THE
BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on
the Health of the Borough for the year 1938.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of the Borough is a little
over 8 square miles.

Estimated population	11,560
Number of inhabited	
Houses	3,226
Rateable Value	£53,243
Sum represented by a	
Penny Rate	£184. 1. 6.

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS.

There were 193 Births in the Borough -
108 Males and 85 Females - giving a birth rate of 16.7
compared with 14.8 for the previous year. Of the total
births 9 were illegitimate - 6 males and 3 females -
compared with 7 for the year 1937.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales
was 15.1.

There were 12 still-births as against
6 last year.

There were 175 Deaths representing
a Death Rate of 15.1 a decrease of 1.7 on the figure for
the year 1937 when it was 16.8.

The Deaths from all causes were as follows:

	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females.</u>
Other Liver Diseases	-	:	2.
Other Digestive Diseases	1	:	1.
Nephritis	1	:	2.
Congenital Debility and Premature Births etc.,	4	:	-
Senility	5	:	3.
Suicide	4	:	-
Other Violence	3	:	-
Other defined diseases	6	:	9.
Ill-defined or Unknown	4	:	5.
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	:	8.
Heart Disease	28	:	26.
Other circulatory diseases	4	:	3.
Bronchitis	4	:	3.
Pneumonia (allforms)	2	:	4.
Other respiratory Diseases	1	:	2.
Appendicitis	-	:	1.
Measles	1	:	-
Scarlet Fever	-	:	1.
Influenza	-	:	1.
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	7	:	2.
Cancer	13	:	10.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR

Disease	Total Cases Notified		Cases admitted to Hospital		Total Deaths.
Smallpox	-	:	-	:	-
Scarlet Fever	13	:	5	:	1
Diphtheria	16	:	8	:	-
Pneumonia	32	:	-	:	6
Erysipelas	2	:	-	:	-

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Age		Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
Under	1	-	-	6	-
	2	1	2	2	-
	3	-	-	2	-
	4	2	1	2	-
	5	1	-	3	-
	10	5	4	2	-
	15	3	5	1	-
	20	-	2	2	-
	35	1	1	2	-
	45	-	1	3	-
	65	-	-	5	-
Over	65	-	-	2	2
Total		13	16	32	2

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The Death Rate of Infants under one year of age was 41.4 per 1,000 births as compared with 69.3 for the previous year

There were no deaths from diarrhoea amongst the infants.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis is carried out by the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association.

Dr., Hawkins, the Tuberculosis Physician, attends every Friday at the Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock, and examines all cases referred to him.



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T U B E R C U L O S I S
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1938.

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0.								
1.								
5.			2	2				
15.			3	1				
25.	1	3	1		3	1		
35.	5	1				1		
45.	2				3			
55.		1			1			
65 and upwards								
TOTALS :	8	5	6	3	7	2		

1 reported Non-T.B. by
Dr., Hawkins, leaving 7

1 reported Non-T.B. by
Dr., Hawkins leaving 5.

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations 1925, nor under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1925.

The Medical Practitioners practising in the Borough carry out their duties satisfactorily with regard to notification of all cases of Tuberculosis.

The disinfection of premises vacated by Tuberculosis patients, by reason of death or removal, is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

The Public Health Office is situate in Bush Street.

There is a part-time Medical Officer of Health and one whole-time Sanitary Inspector. Both these Officers act as Inspectors.

General Nursing is carried out by three District Nurses working under the directions of the two Voluntary District Nursing Associations subsidised by the County Council. These Nurses also act as Midwives together with one other trained Midwife in the area.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply is drawn from two sources viz., (1) Milton New Spring which is situated outside the Borough boundary and (2) a number of springs inside that line.

The supply is quite satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY.

The Food and Drugs Acts are administered by the Police.

The Milk supplies within the Borough is analysed periodically and maintains a high standard of purity. The Designated Milks are sampled regularly by the Pembrokeshire County Council.

HOSPITALS.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the County Council :-

(1) TUBERCULOSIS - Sealyham Hospital for advanced pulmonary cases and Kensington Hospital, St., Brides, for surgical Tuberculosis; the former has provision for 30 beds and the latter 110.

These Hospitals are directly under the control of the Welsh National Memorial Association.

There are two Hospitals in the area - The Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock, and the Cottage Hospital, Pembroke, where general medical and surgical treatment are carried out.

There is also the Public Assistance Institution available.

There are no private Nursing Homes.

Five Beds are available at the Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital for maternity cases.

AMBULANCES.

Cases requiring treatment at the County

Hospital, Haverfordwest are conveyed there by an Ambulance attached to that Hospital. The Isolation Hospital possesses an ambulance of its own. The Military and Royal Air Force ambulances can be obtained in an emergency. These ambulance facilities are adequate for the needs of the Borough.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The County Council is responsible for the treatment of Infectious Diseases, and the Isolation Hospital is in the Borough.

The two School Clinics controlled by you are proving most useful.

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre held at the Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital on the first and third Fridays in each month, and is well attended .

The Local Authority under the Mental Deficiency Acts 1913-1927 is the County Council.

Cases of puerperal fever are treated in local Hospitals.

The legislation relative to Public Health Services remains the same.

HOUSING.

Statistics are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

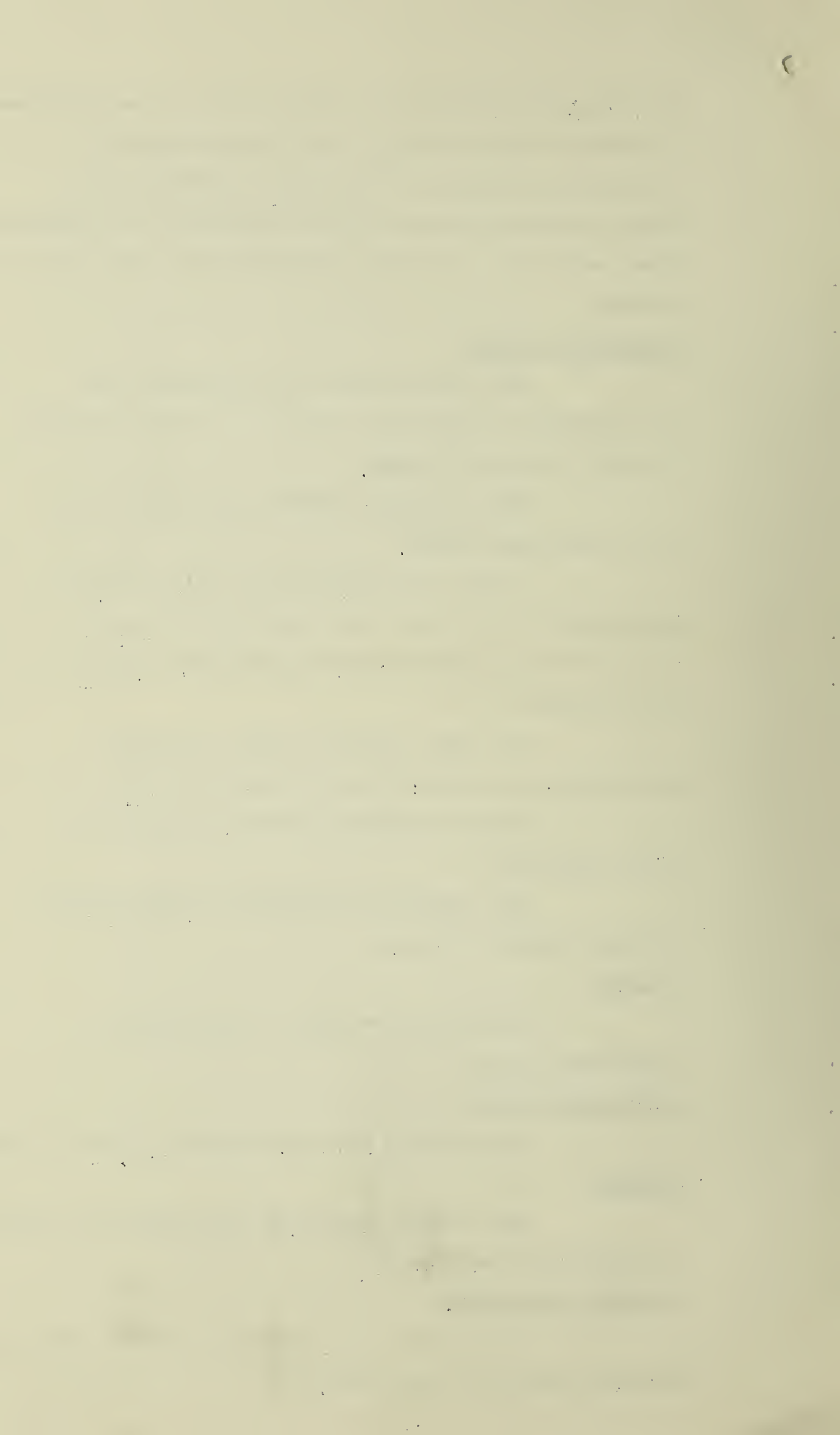
No pollution has been recorded during the year.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conditions and the water supply to schools are satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

These matters are fully dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector in his Report.



REFUSE COLLECTION.

This is dealt with in the
Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I should like to take this
opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for
their courtesy and support, to the Town Clerk for his
great help, and to the Sanitary Inspector for his able
assistance.

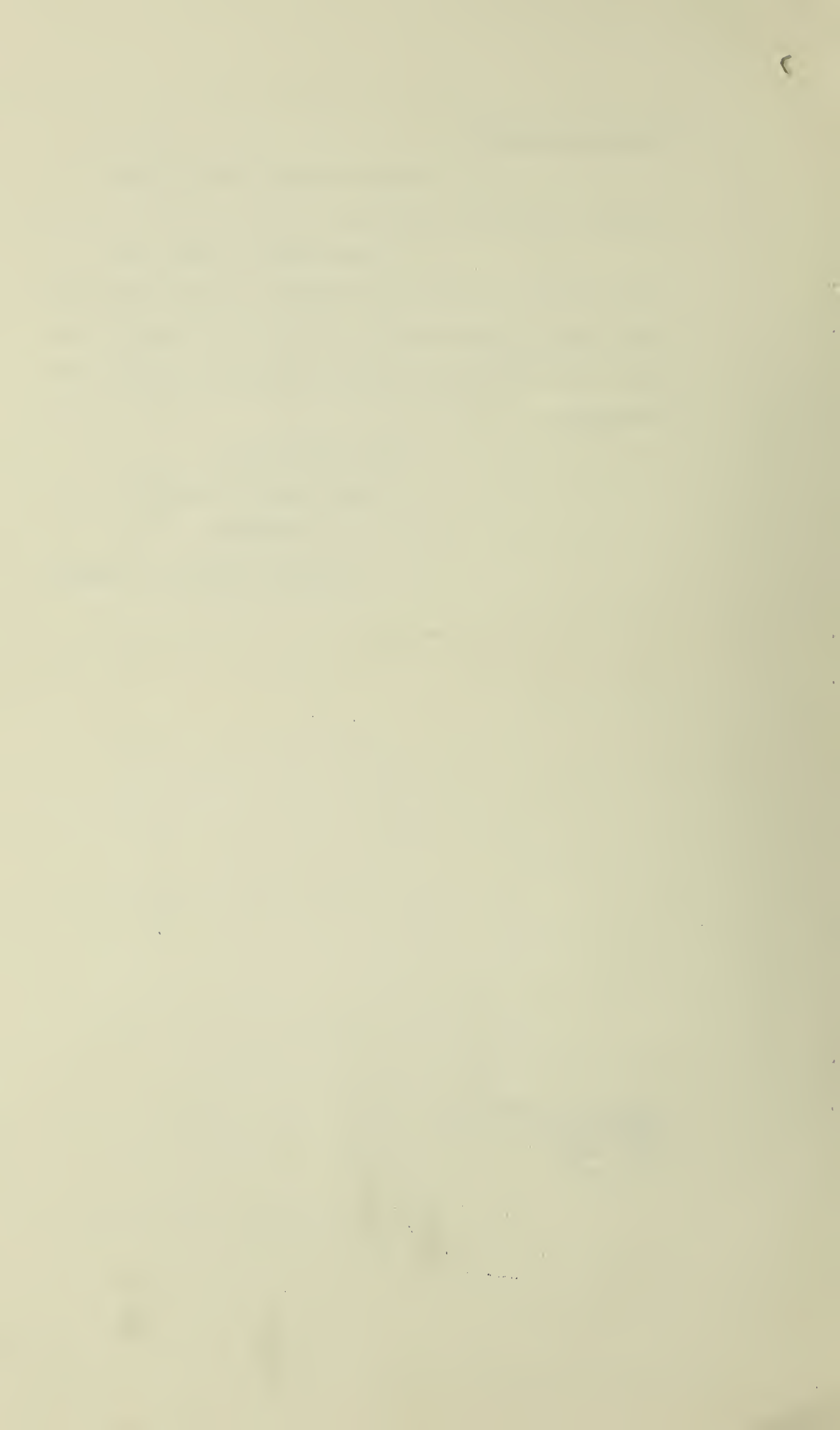
I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. STEWART.

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Offices,
PEMBROKE DOCK.
JUNE, 1939.



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1938.

COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES.

During the year a number of complaints and nuisances were received and investigated and in all cases where a nuisance existed it was abated.

Attention has has to be paid to the removal of rubbish from back lanes. A number of people seem to regard their back lanes as a dumping ground for rubbish of all sorts, especially garden refuse. On various occasions notices have been sent to whole streets where this nuisance existed and although this had a salutary effect for a period, the trouble arises again at a later period.

One recurring complaint is that of slop and dirty water being discharged into street gutters in certain districts which are not drained. I can only reiterate the opinion expressed in previous reports that this nuisance will not be entirely abated until some system of drainage is instituted in the districts concerned.

MARKETS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The number of slaughterhouses in the Borough is four, two public and two private - one public and one private in the Pembroke Ward and one public and one private in the Pater Ward. Inspections are regularly carried out and as much meat as possible examined. One calf's and one pig's carcass, and a number of organs were condemned.

FACTORIES.

The number of Factories within the meaning of the Act is 76, there being 46 in the Pater Ward



and 30 in the Pembroke Ward. The number of Bakehouses in the Borough is 17.

Inspections have been made during the year of all Factories in the Borough and only two complaints were found.

DAIRIES COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The number of cowkeepers, dairymen and retailers registered in the Borough is eighty-two of this number fiftysix are producer retailers, six are retailers, twenty are producers only. Only two of the twenty producers sell their milk wholesale. Thirty-eight of the producer retailers are situated in the Borough and eighteen have their premises outside. Of the six retailers five are resident in the Borough and one enters from outside. Accredited Milk is retailed by three Vendors and Tuberculin Tested Milk by one Vendor.

During the year nine samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination, and of these eight were not of Accredited Standard. No samples of milk were taken for tubercle bacilli examination,

All premises in the Borough have been regularly inspected, and little cause for complaint has been found.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTIONS ETC..

The usual precautions have been taken to restrict the spread of infectious disease, and where patients have been isolated at home a leaflet has been sent containing instructions.

During the year forty-one disinfections were carried out in the Borough.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

Refuse is collected in both wards and disposed of by tipping as in former years. There are five refuse tips in the Borough - three in the Pater Ward and two in the Pembroke Ward. In both wards this service is done by contract.



COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There is one Common Lodging House in the Borough situated in Pembroke. Inspections have been regularly carried out and no contravention of the Bye-laws found.

DRAINAGE WORK, SANITARY CONVENIENCE ETC.,

During the year considerable progress was made on the House Drainage and Conversion Scheme. Mr. Kavanagh and myself making a total of 2323 visits to houses in the Borough. 1300 separate plans have been drawn, one for each house in the Borough which comes under the Scheme. All the water services extensions necessary under the Scheme have now been measured up, and levels taken for 623 houses under the Scheme.

The Llanrcath section of the House Drainage and Conversion Scheme has been completed. Mr. Ernest Jenkins the Contractor succeeded in completing the work within the scheduled period to my entire satisfaction. The number of conversions in this case was 64. I am very pleased to say that a saving of nearly £200 was effected on this contract.

Work is well under way on the Monkton Area of the Scheme, and I hope to dispatch to the Ministry by the middle of February, 1939 all necessary plans together with Specifications and Bills of Quantities.

The number of Sanitary Conveniences in the Borough is approximately as follows:

	<u>W.C.'S</u>	<u>Pail Closets</u>	<u>Privies</u>
Pembroke.	319	526	201
Pembroke Dock.	1702	65	62.

These figures show an increase of 75 W.C.'s in the Pater Ward, and 3 W.C.'s in the Pembroke Ward.



Apart from the drainage work involved in installing the W.C.'s alterations and additions to existing drainage work has been carried out at a further 13 houses in the Borough, making a total of 99 houses visited for the purpose of supervising drainage work. All the work has been carried out to my satisfaction and in accordance with the Bye-laws.

SHOPS.

No action was called for under the provisions of the Shops Acts, in respect of the ventilation, temperature, and sanitary conveniences of shops.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no swimming baths or pools available in the Borough for the use of the public.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

One house was found to be infested with bed bugs during the year. Disinfestation was carried out by the Cimex Co., London. Another house found to be infested during the latter part of 1937 was treated with Cyanide Gas during the year.

OVERCROWDING.

A further survey of all the houses found to be overcrowded during the last overcrowding survey was carried out during the year. I am pleased to report that the number of overcrowded houses in the Borough has been reduced from 65 to 47. The decrease has been due to (i) A change in the occupiers of the houses, and (ii) To a member of the family leaving the district.

HOUSING.

During the year inspections of houses have been continued and altogether 485 were inspected and defects found at 133. The total number remedied during the year with and without formal notice was 100.



Further details are included in the tabulated statement at the end of the report. Most of the repairs were carried out without undue pressure, in only one case did the Council have to carry out the work themselves.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to the Council for the consideration extended to my periodical reports and recommendations.

Yours obedient servant,

(Signed) G. Wynne Rees.

Sanitary Inspector.

T A B U L A T E D S T A T E M E N T

COMPLAINTS. Received and investigated. 58

NUISANCES. Action. 56

<u>SLAUGHTERHOUSES.</u>	Number on Register.	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>
		2	2

MARKETS. Inspections. 49

<u>UNSOUND FOOD.</u>	From Slaughterhouses	390 lbs.	
		{ 1 Shoulder of Bacon	
	From other sources	{ 10lbs Tinned Beef	
		{ 11 Tins of Peeled	
		Shrimps.	

DAIRIES Number on Register. 82

 Producer Retailers. 56

COWSHEDS Producers only. 20

 Wholesale Producers. 2

AND MILK Retailers only. 6

 Premises within Borough. 61

SHOPS. Number of Inspections 130

MILK SAMPLES. Bacteriological. 9

 Tuberculosis Nil

DISINFECTION. Premises. 41

<u>FACTORIES.</u>	No. of Factories	<u>Bakehouses</u>	<u>Total</u>
		17	76

 Defects 1

 Inspections. 158.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

 Number on Register 1

 Inspections, 4

 Defects. -

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H O U S I N G S T A T I S T I C S 1938.

(1) INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) a.	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	485.
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	485.
(2) a.	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected under the Housing Acts.	464.
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	464.
(3) a.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation.	133.

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	94.
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(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A.	Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	11.
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
a.	By Owners	5.
b.	By Local Authority in default of Owners ..	1.

B. PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	Nil.
a.	By Owners	Nil.
b.	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.

C. PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made Nil.
- (2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in
pursuance of Demolition Orders. Nil.
- (3) Number in respect of which an undertaking was
accepted Sec., 11 (2) Housing Act, 1936. ... Nil.

D. PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.

- (1) Number of seperate tenements or underground
rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were
made Nil.
- (2) Number of seperate tenements or underground
rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were
determined the tenement or room having
rendered fit Nil.

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